

# Safety and Stewardship Challenge Questions



## CATEGORY #1: Take Care of Yourself

### 1 point

Bring a water bottle and drink plenty of water because...

- A ...you will not be able to speak well with a dry throat.
- B **...not drinking enough water can give you a headache and cause you to make bad decisions.**
- C ...a heavy water bottle will slow you down as you are walking.
- D all of the above.

### 2 points

If the sun feels warm, you should...

- A ...try to get a tan.
- B **...use sunglasses, sunscreen, and/or a hat.**
- C ...take off your shoes and walk barefoot.
- D all of the above.

### 3 points

Cliff edges in Point Reyes National Seashore are...

- A ...made of granite and are safe as long as you have one foot flat on the ground at all times.
- B **...sandy, loose, and slippery; be careful at all times.**
- C ...safe if you have good balance.
- D ...the best places for a good view.

### 4 points

The best way to dress for a field trip:

- A comfortable closed-toed shoes.
- B a T-shirt and a heavy, waterproof jacket.
- C "like an onion"—many thin layers with a waterproof one on the outside.
- D **A and C.**



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## CATEGORY #2: Minimize Your Impact

### Teacher Preparation

#### 1 point

When visiting Point Reyes National Seashore, you should stay on trails because...

- A ...you are more likely to pick up a tick in grassy areas.
- B ...you can damage plants.
- C ...when you travel off-trail you are speeding up erosion.
- D *All of the above.*

#### 2 points

It's okay to take home just one rock from Point Reyes National Seashore.

- A Sure; it's just one, but let your teacher know.
- B No; every rock is home to many bugs and plants.
- C No; with 2.5 million visitors, the Seashore would be rockless if every visitor collected just one.
- D *B and C.*

#### 3 points

Trash is...

- A ...okay to hide behind bushes in a National Park because it will eventually break down.
- B ...not a good source of food for hungry animals.
- C *...not a part of the Point Reyes National Seashore ecosystem and should be properly disposed of whether it's your trash, or trash that someone else has left behind.*
- D ...only the responsibility of the maintenance staff, wherever it is.

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## CATEGORY #3: Elephant Seal Etiquette

### Teacher Preparation

#### 1 point

If an elephant seal is close, you should try to...

- A ...feed it some of your lunch.
- B ...*leave it alone, if it reacts to your presence in any way, you are disturbing the seal and breaking the law.*
- C ...make alpha bull noises so it will look your way.
- D ...yell really loud to your entire group so everyone sees it, even if it may scare the elephant seal away.

#### 2 points

Stay at least...

- A 1 foot from a marine mammal.
- B 10 feet from a marine mammal.
- C *100 feet from a marine mammal.*
- D Get as close as you can.

#### 3 points

The best way to observe elephant seals is to...

- A watch quietly from a safe distance of at least 100 feet.
- B whisper.
- C move slowly.
- D *all of the above*

#### 4 points

Feeding wildlife will...

- A ...bring them closer for a good look and great photo.
- B ...put you in danger of being bitten.
- C ...accustom them to humans and possibly create behaviors harmful to the animal's survival.
- D *B and C above.*

#### 5 points

If you come across wildlife appearing sick or injured, you should...

- A try to capture the animal and seek medical attention.
- B *report the location, species, and your observations to someone responsible for its management (Park Rangers in National Parks, Humane Society in urban areas).*
- C harass it to see just how sick it really is.
- D get as close as possible to observe what is happening.



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## CATEGORY #4: The National Park Service

### 1 point

Which of the following is not in the National Park Service?

- A Grand Canyon National Park, AZ.
- B Keweenaw National Historical Park, MI.
- C **Monterey Bay Aquarium, CA.**
- D Golden Gate National Recreation Area, CA.
- E Yosemite National Park, CA.

### 2 points

I should treat Point Reyes National Seashore with respect because ...

- A ...it belongs to everyone in the entire United States.
- B ...it preserves a part of the ecosystem you live in and depend on.
- C ...it's one of the few places natural processes can happen with little intervention from human society.
- D **all of the above.**

### 3 points

Which of the following is the mission of the National Park Service?

- A preserve natural and cultural resources.
- B provide for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this generation.
- C to care for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.
- D cooperate with other resource-conservation and outdoor-recreation organizations in our country and the world.
- E **all of the above.**

### FINAL CHALLENGE

This question is worth the amount that each team agrees to wager.

**What does stewardship mean?**

Teacher is the final judge on this answer.